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- 25X1X 1. I learned the following [REDACTED] at the Neuropsychiatric Clinic in Cluj and the Hospital for the Insane in Stalin (Brasov), as well as from a few psycho cases [REDACTED] at Stalin Airfield and the discussions [REDACTED] civilian and military, regarding psychiatry. At Cluj, a shake-up occurred in the medics assigned to the Neuropsychiatric Clinic. Many were dismissed, including a Dr. Dragomir and Communist medics headed by a Dr. Duma, were assigned in their places.
- 25X1X 2. To my knowledge, there was no particular emphasis on psychiatric work, even though an increase in psychiatric cases at the clinic was observed. The clinic was not equipped to handle too many cases because of lack of space. There was an increase of activity in the field of neurology, especially in neurosurgery. At Bucharest, a Dr. Arsenic and a Dr. Marcovice were prominent in this field. I heard that they had been sent to Moscow for training. At Targul Mures, a Dr. Andrasovschl was prominent in this field. A medical lecturer from Bucharest arrived at Cluj in 1950 to organize work in this field.
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3. Students in the field of neuropsychiatry (neuropsihiatria) were given courses which were not too advanced. It was recommended that they consult a Soviet medical book on the subject which had been written by a Dr. Gurevici and translated into Rumanian. The preface of the book stated that psychiatric cases among workers in capitalistic countries were steadily increasing because of general conditions there and that most of the workers were suffering from mental disturbances. It also stated that there was a decrease of such cases in socialistic countries. I recognized this as pure propaganda since I knew that mental cases were on the increase in Rumania. Most cases which came to my attention were due to mental unrest with regard to the political situation.

4. In 1950, a Dr. Steiner was studying and experimenting on brain tissues (scoartei cerebrale and acetil-Colina). [REDACTED]

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5. One pilot [REDACTED] at Stalin Airfield was removed from flying status because he was suffering from Pitiatism /sic; emotional instability and fear of flying/; two soldiers were hospitalized for mental disturbances and were finally discharged. The State showed no interest in mental cases which were not hospitalized or in the person's future life after dismissal from the hospital. Mental cases were found in all social classes. I believe firmly that mental cases have increased since Rumania came under Communist domination.

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